

**PROLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM  
SEVERE WINTER STORMS OF MARCH 2023**

WHEREAS, Sacramento County Code, Title 2, Chapter 2.46 empowers the County Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when Sacramento County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity, flood or natural disasters when the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors is not in session; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sacramento County Code section 2.46.110, in the absence of the Director of Emergency Services, the Deputy Director is empowered with all the same authority empowered to the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Director of Emergency Services of the County of Sacramento does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property will arise within the County of Sacramento, from imminent and extreme winter storms that will result in widespread flooding, extraordinary stress upon levees, persistent levee overtopping, local flooding of communities and local infrastructure, and will exhaust local resources and budgets, and cause other critical conditions; and

WHEREAS, compounded by already elevated reservoir and river water levels as a result from previous rain and storm events, the expected volume and rate of active water that will flow through Sacramento County rivers and streams, specifically the Cosumnes River, will cause flooding of critical roads and communities, thereby necessitating local authorities to alert the public to imminent flooding and to issue, via the County emergency alerting system, emergency evacuation warnings, and subsequent orders, advising residents to prepare to leave their homes and seek safety; and

WHEREAS, ongoing work to repair levees damaged from previous storms, the pre-deployment of response resources as well as additional operational preparedness response activities – particularly in remote areas of the County where additional impacts are certain – have and will continue to divert local resources from day to day operations; and

WHEREAS, precipitation and snow pack melt, from multiple continuing and projected warm winter storm events are anticipated to result in sustained overtopping and runoff from rivers, streams and channels which is likely to significantly impact low lying

areas wherein the impacts of these storms will be beyond the control of personnel, services, equipment and budget of the County; and

WHEREAS, damages to infrastructure, homes, businesses, agricultural crops, products, large animals and livestock may be extensive.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, pursuant to California Government Code section 8630 of the California Emergency Services Act, and Sacramento County Code, Title 2, Chapter 2.46, a local emergency exists within and throughout Sacramento County as of March 8, 2023, and;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, during the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director and/or Deputy Director of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed by state law and Sacramento County ordinances, resolutions and the approved Emergency Plan, and;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, the Director and/or Deputy Director of Emergency Services is authorized to use and employ any of the property, services, personnel and resources of the County to help mitigate this emergency, and may request Federal, State, and other public agencies provide mutual aid, including personnel, equipment and other available resources, to assist Sacramento County during this emergency, and;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, the local emergency shall remain in effect for the next seven (7) days unless it has been ratified and extended by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, who shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days, and shall terminate the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

---

Mary Jo Flynn-Nevins, Chief of Emergency Services  
Sacramento Deputy Director of Emergency Services  
Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services

---

Date of Proclamation